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1. Fritz Lange, former KPD Mayor of Brandenburg/Havel and now Chairman of the new Central Control Commission of the German Economic Commission, submitted a report on the recent textile industry scandal in Glauchau and Meerane to the Party Vorstand on 15 September, 1948. The original report, based on an investigation made by Ruhe and Feistmann (members of the Control Commission), had been fifteen pages long and implicated thirteen firms and several prominent people. The report was censored by Walter Ulbricht, and nine pages were deleted, including passages implicating Fritz Selbmann, Deputy President of the German Economic Commission.
2. Wilhelm Koenen, co-chairman of the SED for Saxony, and Fritz Ebert, co-chairman of the SED for Brandenburg, both declared that they felt that the publicity given this case was ill-advised, and that they should have been consulted first.
3. [redacted] Heinrich Rau, President of the German Economic Commission, and Fritz Lange tried to implicate Fritz Selbmann, and that his exposure and arrest were prevented only by Ulbricht's intervention. [redacted] Alfred Fellisch Selbmann's successor as Economic Minister of Saxony, will be sacrificed to shield Selbmann. Ulbricht may also be protecting Max Seydewitz, Minister President of Saxony.
4. [redacted] the SED will eventually use the case as an excuse to convert the entire textile industry of Saxony into publicly owned enterprises.

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